



'EWA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 23

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016 'EWA BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Mitchell Tynanes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **A quorum was established with 11 members present.** Note – This 11-member Board requires six (6) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action.

Board Members Present – Rodney Boucher, Mikaela Callahan, John Clark III, Kurt Fevella, Shayne Greenland, Ron Hochuli, Donald Khun, Sam Puletasi, Jessie Weinberger, Lynn Robinson-Onderko (departed the meeting at 8:31 p.m.) and Mitchell Tynanes.

Board Members Absent – none.

Guests – Captain Robert Abbley (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Farrel Sojot (Honolulu Police Department); Gale Barceros (Weed and Seed); Brad Kitsu (Mayor Caldwell's Representative); Councilmember Kimberly Marcos Pine; Senator Will Espero; Representative Matt LoPresti; Representative Bob McDermott; Heidi Armstrong (Department of Education); Oryn Nakamura (Board of Water Supply); Chuck Mitsui (Association of Skateboarders in Hawaii); Pastor Charles Couch Jr. (Calvary Chapel West Oahu); Jason Van Gruen and Kipa Asato (Structural Hawaii, Inc.); Hannah Neagle (Hawaii Bicycling League); Steve Vendt (Hawaiian Railway Society); Glenn Oamilda, John Rogers, Mark Ambler, Eduardo Farinas, David Aki, Elena Cabuyadao; Videographer ('Olelo); and Allan "Chris" Acosta (Neighborhood Commission Office).

Introductions – Vice Chair Boucher read the rules of speaking. The members present introduced themselves.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Robert Abbley reported the following:

- **October 2016 Fire Statistics** – There was 1 structure fire, 3 nuisance fires, 2 cooking fires, 13 activated alarms, and 1 automobile fire. There were 84 medical emergencies, 2 motor vehicle crashes with pedestrians, 9 motor vehicle crashes/collisions, 2 hazardous materials incidents, and 4 other incidents.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – Thanksgiving Day Fire Safety:
 - Thanksgiving Day is the peak day for home cooking fires followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve. Unattended cooking is the leading contributing factor in cooking fires and deaths nationwide. The following are safety tips for the upcoming Thanksgiving Day holiday:
 - Stay in the kitchen when cooking; do not leave cooking unattended.
 - Keep children at least three (3) feet away from the stove.
 - For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the oven door closed.
 - The HFD discourages the use of turkey fryers, as they may lead to devastating burns and other injuries and can cause property damage due to large amounts and high temperatures of oil being used.
 - Kalua Turkey is a popular alternative, and imu, or underground ovens are common cooking methods.
 - Dig the imu where the fire cannot accidentally spread and create a fire hazard.
 - Avoid placing imu where the smoke will blow into or across homes.
 - Let neighbors know plans so they are aware of the smoke.
 - Call the HFD prior to lighting an imu fire at 723-FIRE (3473).

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lieutenant Farrel Sojot reported the following:

- **October 2016 Statistics** – There were 47 motor vehicle thefts, 57 burglaries, 172 thefts, 61 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles (UEMV). A total of 7,809 calls were placed for service.
- **Violent Crimes** – Lieutenant Sojot inquired with the board members and audience if they would like to see crime mapping on violent crimes in the area. Lieutenant Sojot noted the reasoning behind this.

Questions, comments and concerns that followed:

1. Vehicles – Clark III inquired and Lieutenant Sojot answered that there are various reasons why UEMV crime can increase or decrease dramatically, including more visible patrol, incarceration, and moving to different locations of island.
2. Thanks – A resident thanked HPD for their assistance when dealing with a recent home break in.
3. Gang Activity – A resident noted several incidents of purported gang activity. Lieutenant Sojot asked that if the resident had any more information to please pass it on, adding that for something to be labeled gang activity, it needs to meet certain criteria.
4. Timeframe – A resident asked and Lieutenant Sojot answered that the updating crime mapping information should be posted on the HPD website in the near future.
5. Patrols – Fevella requested more police presence at the Safeway Shopping center after school to monitor activities and deter crime.

Weed and Seed – Gale Bracerros reported the following:

- Safety – Weed and Seed is working closely with the principals of 'Ewa Makai Middle School and Ilima Intermediate School to help with the concerns of off campus fighting.
- October 2016 Report – There were 14 citizen patrol walks and 17 neighborhood security watches. A total of 80 citations were given by community policing officers.
- Food Distribution – 'Ohana Food Distribution will be dispensing food at the Boys and Girls Club from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 2016
- Success – The Celebrate Safe Communities Event which took place at Leeward Community College was a great success.
- Programs – For more information of any current and upcoming Weed and Seed programs please call 689-4182 extension 225.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Cyber Bullying – Clark III inquired and Bracerros responded that there would be more opportunities for informational meetings on cyber bullying if the local schools were to request it.
2. Congratulations – Boucher congratulated the Weed and Seed Program on the success of the Family Fun Fair.

Boucher moved and Clark III seconded to place the Hawaii Bicycling League on the agenda under New Business. The motion passed UNANIMOUSLY by a voice vote, 11-0-0. (AYE: Boucher, Callahan, Clark, Fevella, Greenland, Hochull, Khun, Puletasi, Robinson-Onderko, Tynanes and Weinberger; Nay: none; Abstain: none).

BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

Treasurer's Report – Secretary Clark III reported a monthly expenditure of \$19.74 and a remaining balance of \$274.58. The report was filed.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – **The Board approved the October 13, 2016 regular meeting minutes by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0. (AYE: Boucher, Callahan, Clark, Fevella, Greenland, Hochull, Khun, Puletasi, Robinson-Onderko, Tynanes and Weinberger; Nay: none; Abstain: none).**

Recess in December 2016 – Chair Tynanes stated that No. 23 'Ewa Neighborhood Board would recess in December 2016.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Lighting and Safety – A resident raised concerns about the poor lighting on Hanakahi Street, the safety and security of elderly waiting at the bus stop as TheBus route 11 stops at every other bus stop, and requested more police patrol on Hanakahi Street and North Road.
- Purse Snatching – A resident echoed the sentiment and worries about the elderly waiting at the bus stops as some have gotten their purses stolen.
- Skateboard Park – Chuck Mitsui, owner of 808 Skate on behalf of the Association of Skateboarders in Hawaii announced that the 'Ewa Beach Skate Park will be repaired and open sometime early 2017. Donations and skilled workers are requested to help complete the project. For more information go to www.skatehawaii.org and email yayoi@skatehawaii.org. Clark III congratulated the skateboard association on their endeavors. Mitsui noted that the association is a 501(c)(3) and that any donations would be tax deductible.
- Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) – Aki raised concerns about members of the board changing their positions at the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) CAC. Chair Tynanes assured the

resident that there would be proper representation from the board at the OahuMPO CAC meetings.

- Training – Boucher informed the board of training that took place Wednesday, November 9, 2016 by the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). More information on upcoming training sessions can be found at www.getreadyewabeach.com.
- Christmas Parade – Chair Tynanes informed the board that the 'Ewa Beach Lions Club will be having their annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 17, 2016. For applications to participate in the parade and to find out more information please go to www.eblcf.org.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Brad Kitsu made himself available to any questions and concerns.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Lighting – Boucher inquired if the concerns from the September 2016 meeting would be made available. Boucher asked if the lighting on Honokahi Street could be looked into.
2. Charter Amendments – A resident raised concerns about not receiving information on the charter amendments before the general election. Aki echoed his sentiment.
3. Kapolei Parkway – Clark III asked if there were any plans to repave Kapolei Parkway, and if so when would it be taking place.

Councilmember Kymberly Pine – Councilmember Pine reported the following:

- Grants – The deadline to submit an application to receive grant funding is Monday, November 14, 2016.
- Verona Village – Councilmember Pine thanked the board and community in their support of the residents from Verona Village. The council passed legislation which would allow long time Verona Village residents to purchase their homes.
- Illegal Dumping – Councilmember Pine noted illegal dumping that is taking place on Pohakupuna Road, requesting that the board works with her to get enforceable action taken.
- Kapolei Parkway – Kapolei Parkway is in the end planning stages, and a more probable date would be clear in the upcoming months. Councilmember Pine will notify the board and residents with updates.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Intersection Construction – A resident inquired and Councilmember Pine will apprise her of construction information pertaining to Kapolei Parkway, Kailipolipo Street, and Papipi Road as it becomes available.
2. Illegal Dumping – Chair Tynanes noted that illegal dumping was taking place at the backend of the Hau Bush area, adding that City workers are cleaning up the dumping but are unable to take away the AC units. Chair Tynanes requested an update of a restroom at Hau Bush noting that pop warner teams would like to practice in this area but cannot due to insufficient restroom facilities.

Councilmember Ron Menor – Jared Ellis reported the following: Presentation – There will be a presentation from the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) at the January 2017 No. 23 'Ewa Neighborhood Board Meeting to discuss Hanakahi Street speed abatement plans.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Speed Abatement – Boucher inquired and Ellis answered that two (2) types of speed abatements which will be used will be tables and humps noting that DTS will go into more details at the January 2017 meeting.
2. Clean Up – A resident stated that there would be a Verona Village Community cleanup on Saturday, November 12, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., but to come early.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Oryn Nakamura reported the following:

- Water Main Breaks – There were no water main breaks in October 2016.
- General Water Announcements – BWS Long Range Water Master Plan Adopted:
 - The BWS, at its monthly Board of Directors meeting last month, approved the adoption of the BWS Water Master Plan, a comprehensive program that looks ahead 30 years, evaluates the entire water system, identifies necessary improvements, and strives to balance infrastructure needs with the costs of providing water to its customers. This plan will serve as a road map for the department to continue providing Oahu residents with safe, dependable, and affordable water now and into the next generation.
 - The final Water Master Plan incorporates feedback from several dozen commenters who participated in the 60-day public comment period, as well as BWS Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG). The BWS

- appreciates the comments provided by the public and remains committed to an open and transparent process and will continue to engage the public to ensure the plan represents customer's needs.
- With the approved Water Master Plan, the BWS will develop a 30-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), develop a long-term financial plan, and conduct a rate study to finance the implementation of the plan. To view the BWS Water Master Plan, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com/watermasterplan. Residents may also call (808) 748-5347 or email BWSWaterMasterPlan@hbws.org for more information.
 - Follow-Up – The BWS followed up with the residents on concerns of being charged a business rate for water bills and referred them to the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) as they were receiving an extra sewer charge fee. There are no updates on the 'Ewa Watershed Management Plan.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: 'Ewa Watershed – A resident noted concerns about water and sewage and requested a presentation on the 'Ewa Watershed Management Plan.

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present; a report was provided.

Senator Will Espero – Senator Espero reported the following:

- Leeward Bikeway – The Leeward Bikeway should be going out to bid by the end of next quarter, and shortly after construction should begin.
- Air Conditioning – Air conditioning and heat abatement are starting to take place at several area schools.
- Building – Senator Espero noted several construction projects: 'Ewa Makai Middle School final building wing and a new proposed building at James Campbell High School (JCHS).
- Fair – There will be a craft fair on Saturday, December 17, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 'Ewa Beach Elementary School.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Preparedness Training – Boucher took note of Senator Espero's newsletter stating that two (2) of the people featured in a picture were participants in the CERT training.
2. Meeting – Oamilda requested that Senator Espero and others meet with groups in the community to discuss what is important.
3. Funding – A resident inquired and Senator Espero answered that if funding for Phase II is not available for the bikeway, he will look into securing funding for it this session.
4. Trash Bin – Cabuyadao asked for helping in attaining an extra trash bin at her residence.

Senator Mike Gabbard – No representative was present; a report was provided.

Representative Bob McDermott – Representative McDermott reported the following:

- 96707 – Representative McDermott made available information pertaining to all of the schools in the 96707 area code and their capacity enrollment.
- Lawsuit – A hearing for the lawsuit for JCHS is scheduled for Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Enrollment – Clark III made several inquiries on the enrollment capacity of the schools in the 96707 area code.
2. Meeting – Oamilda requested that Representative McDermott and others meet with groups in the community to discuss what is important.
3. Solutions – A resident inquired and Representative McDermott answered that one (1) way in which he is trying to solve the issue of over capacity at JCHS is to bring forth a lawsuit against Governor David Ige, Department of Education (DOE) superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi and Board of Education (BOE) Chairman Lance Mizumoto in hopes of providing adequate facilities to students.

Representative Matthew LoPresti – Representative LoPresti reported the following:

- Veteran's Day – Representative LoPresti will be attending several Veteran's Day Ceremonies.
- Meeting – Representative LoPresti is open to holding a public meeting with other area legislatures.
- High School – A location has been chosen for the new high school.
- Bills – Representative LoPresti is thinking of bills of interest to introduce. Representative LoPresti would like to get a new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) building or unit in the 'Ewa area.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Unit – Chair Tynanes and several residents voiced the importance and opinions of needing more EMS services in the area.

Board member Robinson-Onderko departed the meeting at 8:31 p.m.; 10 board members present.

Department of Education (DOE) Leeward District Supervisor – Heidi Armstrong, DOE Leeward District Supervisor reported the following:

- Internet Safety – Schools are working closely with HPD to inform students and parents of internet safety.
- Construction:
 - 'Ewa Elementary School – New building for additional classrooms.
 - 'Ewa Makai Middle School – New building for additional classrooms.
 - JCHS – New building for additional classrooms (in process of requesting funding).
- New High School – The proposed site for the new East Kapolei High School is slated for Ho'opili.
- Retiring – 'Ewa Makai Middle School Principal Edward Oshiro will be retiring after 50 years of service to the education system.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: High School – Oamilda stated his opinion about the major impacts building a high school in a location such as Ho'opili may have on the students, residents, traffic, etcetera. Armstrong noted that the DOE looked at several parcels and that land at Ho'opili had previously been approved for a school.

NEW BUSINESS

Calvary Chapel West Oahu (CCWO) - Pastor Charles Couch Jr. reported the following:

- The Church – CCWO has been at this current site since 1999. CCWO provides many great services to the community. The church participates in Halloween and Thanksgiving outreach, provides a preschool for local children, recently attended Camp Timberline with 60 youth, and many other great things in the community. Pastor Couch humbly asks that the board, like in the past with the preschool supports the church's request to expand its building.
- Construction – Jason Van Gruen and Kipa Asato of Structural Hawaii, Inc. highlighted the construction aspect of the project. The church is requesting a conditional use permit (CUP) minor. The additional space would add an extra 4100 square feet, bringing the church size to 10,000 square feet, which would cover 25% of the lot the church currently sits on.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Start Time – Hochuli inquired and Van Gruen answered that the start time for construction if everything goes smoothly would be in three (3) months.
2. Impact – Ambler noted doing a study for the City and County of Honolulu and inquired if there is reduction in attendance at the church from troop reduction at the nearby military facilities. There has been no current reduction in parishioners attending church and Pastor Couch will discuss with Ambler further details.
3. Parking – Chair Tynanes inquired and a member from the church answered that there would be some parking on Church grounds and off street parking available at the private parking lot across the street.
4. Expansion – A resident inquired and Pastor Couch answered that the same foot print would be used on the side of the church parking lot and that no parking spaces would be lost by the construction expansion.
5. Concerns – Oamilda raised concerns about the availability of parking at the church for parishioners, a member from the church reassured the audience that there are agreements in place with the owners at the private parking lot across the street to use the facility during certain days of the week and times in order to combat possible parking issues.

Clark III moved and Boucher seconded to support the Calvary Chapel West Oahu Church construction expansion. The motion passed UNANIMOUSLY by a voice vote, 10-0-0. (AYE: Boucher, Callahan, Clark, Fevella, Greenland, Hochull, Khun, Puletasi, Tynanes and Weinberger; Nay: none; Abstain: none).

Discussion Followed:

- Bus Stop – Chair Tynanes inquired and a member from the church answered that they regularly monitor and clean up the bus stop that is fronting their property.
- Fighting – Boucher asked and a member from the church answered that they break up at least one (1) fight a month between school aged children and have had to call the police on several occasions due to activities taking place near the bus stop in front of the church.
- Thanks – Clark III thanked the church for everything they do in the community and looks forward to checking out the new facilities once construction is finished.

National Park Service – Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, Elevated Boardwalk at Pearl Harbor Wildlife Refuge – No representative was present; a report was not provided.

Rideshare Vanpool Program – No representative was present; a report was not provided.

Leeward Bikeway Plan – Hannah Neagle of the Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL) reported the following: Leeward Bikeway – The Leeward Bikeway will be a project between the HBL and the State Department of Transportation (DOT). The bikeway is over 23 miles of paved multi-use path which is separate from roadways and would connect Aloha Stadium to Nanakuli. The bikeway would provide safe routes to school, passing 11 schools along the path. The bikeway passes by 14 parks, shopping centers, restaurants and businesses, and many historical and cultural sites. Neagle referenced other island bike paths and noted historically significant areas the bikeway would pass. Many businesses and individuals have supported the project. For more information please call 808-735-5756, email bicycle@hbl.org, or visit www.hbl.org. Steve Vendt of the Hawaiian Railway Society noted the historical significance of the railway and bikeway, stating that there would be plenty of room on the side of the railway to incorporate the Leeward Bikeway.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Pathway – Khun inquired and Neagle responded that the pathway would be 10 feet in width.
2. Costs – Hochuli inquired and Neagle answered that Phase One (1) costs of the bikeway would be around \$9 million and that funds for Phase II have not been allocated.
3. Blue Zones – Clark III asked and Neagle stated that the HBL has worked with the Blue Zone Project, however not on this project.
4. Phase One (1) – Chair Tynanes inquired and Neagle answered that Phase One (1) construction of the bikeway includes five (5) miles of path, including the already paved Westloch bikeway, construction would include an additional two (2) bridges and a few miles of paved bikeway. Rogers noted that the currently paved bikeway stretches from Westloch Community Shoreline Park to Asing Community Park.
5. Crossover – Chair Tynanes inquired and Vendt answered that from Asing Community Park crossing over Fort Weaver Road to the railway, users of the bikeway may need to use the crosswalk as well as at other points down the bikeway.
6. Locked Gate – Boucher asked and Vendt answered that there is a fence along Waipahu and Westloch, but there is an accessible bridge and people can traverse around the fence.
7. Safety – Oamilda raised concerns about safety along the bikeway. Rogers noted that he sees a police presence on the bikeway and that HPD is doing their best with the resources they are allotted. Neagle noted that the bikeway would encompass HPD districts three (3) and eight (8), and that there have been discussions about police presence on bicycles along the bikeway and the possibility of closing the bikeway at dusk until dawn.
8. Bicycle Watch – Hochuli suggested putting a bicycle watch in place for the Leeward Bikeway.

Puletasi moved and Callahan seconded to support the Hawaii Bicycling League and the Leeward Bikeway Plan. The motion passed UNANIMOUSLY by a voice vote, 10-0-0. (AYE: Boucher, Callahan, Clark, Fevella, Greenland, Hochull, Khun, Puletasi, Tynanes and Weinberger; Nay: none; Abstain: none).

Discussion Followed: Lights – Chair Tynanes suggested that bicycle riders place blue lights on their bicycles to help stay secure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education – Information was shared earlier in the meeting.

Parks and Recreation – Information was shared earlier in the meeting.

Transportation – No report was provided.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) – Boucher noted that Weinberger will be accompanying him to the OahuMPO CAC meetings and will be taking over as the official representative from the 'Ewa Neighborhood Board in the coming months. The next OahuMPO CAC meeting will be held Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 3:30 p.m. at Honolulu Hale, Room 301.

Public Safety and Community Outreach – No report was provided.

Government Affairs/Planning and Zoning – Weinberger reported that there would be a public hearing held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Mission Memorial Conference Room regarding Gill 'Ewa Lands LLC requesting a conditional use permit and special use permit for Camp Palehua. There will be an upcoming hearing for St. Rita's Catholic Church requesting to build an additional facility.

Economic Development – Nothing new to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Meeting – The board will recess in December 2016. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at 'Ewa Beach Public Library.
- Video Broadcast – The 'Ewa Neighborhood Board No. 23 meetings are broadcasted every first Sunday at 6:00 p.m. and every second and fourth Friday at 10:00 a.m. on 'Olelo digital channel 49.
- Agenda Items – Oamilda requested that a sewer master plan be presented at the January 2017 regular neighborhood board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Submitted by: Sharon Baillie, Neighborhood Assistant I
Reviewed by: Brittany Yadao, Neighborhood Assistant I
Finalized by: Mitchell Tynanes, Chair